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10 Adelaide Street

Toronto, Ontario

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Attention: Ontario Heritage Trust

To whom it may concern,

RE: Notice of Passing - Heritage Designation By-law 23-58

Please find the Notice of Passing – Heritage Designation By-law 23-58 enclosed for the property at 390 Main Street West.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Take care,

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# NOTICE OF PASSING - HERITAGE DESIGNATION BYLAW 23-58

# 390 Main Street West, Grimsby, ON

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council passed Designation By-law 23-58 on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 which designates the building known municipally as 390 Main Street West., under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18*, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

The Town Clerk received no objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the Property and Town Council passed the bylaw designating the property.

#### IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL (OLT):

An appeal of the Designation Bylaw for the Property may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Town Clerk, Objections should be directed to Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 159, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 4G3. Within thirty days of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Appeals to Tribunal shall include:

- 1. A notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law.
- 2. The reasons in support of the objection.
- 3. Accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

If you wish to appeal to the OLT, forms are available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <a href="https://olt.gov.on.ca/file-an-appeal/">https://olt.gov.on.ca/file-an-appeal/</a>

#### WHO CAN FILE AN APPEAL?

Any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Tribunal by giving notice to the Tribunal and the clerk of the municipality, within 30 days after the date of publication a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

#### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION:**

A copy of the bylaw and background information about the application is available for public inspection by directing inquiries to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email bverrecchia@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: Aug 3rd, 2023

# The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

By-law No. 23-58

A by-law designate the Property located at 390 Main Street West, as a feature or historical, architectural, and/or contextual significance

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**WHEREAS** the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

390 Main Street West Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at 390 Main Street West and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in a newspaper with general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation and extent to which the designation applies are set out in schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of the By-law.

#### **COUCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**

1. That the following real property, more particularly described in schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

390 Main Street West Town of Grimsby The Regional Municipality of Niagara

2. That the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST TIME this 4th day of July, 2023.

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 4th day of July, 2023.

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# Schedule 'A' to By-law 23-58

In the Town of Grimsby in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, property description as follows:

PT LT 17 CON 2, North Grimsby; PTS 1 & 2, 30R-2238; GRIMSBY

Schedule 'B' to
By-law 23-58
Statement of Significance
And Description of extent of the features
To which the designation applies

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The historic dwelling at 390 Main Street West is a direct representation of the Italianate architectural style that was prevalent along historic streetscapes during the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Italianate architecture in Ontario gained popularity from the 1850s-1900's.

The Italianate structure at 390 Main Street West is a two and a half storey structural stone building. Key Italianate identifying features are the arched windows, stone quoining, wide and deep frieze band with raised panels and corbels below the eaves, floor to ceiling windows, patterned slate roof, and a symmetrical façade. The property also features a carriage house. The carriage house is located to the east of the dwelling, on a circular driveway. The wooden frame building has clapboard siding, and is two storeys with a hipped roof. Each façade face of the building has a gabled dormer with a pair of second floor loading doors.

The historic dwelling displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit. The Italianate style dwelling is uniquely crafted with quarry faced random ashlar masonry, flat headed arches, segmented arches, carved wood bargeboards patterned polychromatic slate roof, elaborate bracketed cornice, rusticated quoins, and a projecting frontispiece. The historic home at 390 Main Street East is a strong example of the high-end craftsmanship and wealth of the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> century farms located along Main Street in Grimsby.

The property has direct associations with a person that is significant to a community. The property at 390 Main Street West is part of the land that was owned by one of Grimsby's earliest settlers. John Smith who arrived in Canada in 1787, and was awarded crown lands on Lot 17, Concession 1 and 2 in the Grimsby Township. John Smith was educated and highly respected within the community. He wrote letters and legal papers for settlers within the township. Smith served on the town council from 1792 until 1820, holding titles such as Pound-keeper, assessor, collector and town warden. His family kept an account book of John Smith, and it shows his accomplishments and endeavors from 1796 to 1805, the book was presented to the Grimsby Historical Society. The property was then inherited by John's son, John Wilcox Smith who was born in Grimsby November 6th 1800. Wilcox inherited part of the family farm from his father and lived there with his wife Euphemia, they had nine children - six boys and three girls.

One of the sons, John Henry Smith was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. John Henry Smith was better known as "California Smith" because of the fortune that he amassed during the California gold rush in 1849, a second gold mine was found by John in Colorado during this time as well. John Henry was also responsible for building the grey stone house at 390 Main Street West in 1878. John Henry Smith married Rose Prudhomme from Beamsville, they had no children during their time together and lived alone in the house.

The building would have been custom designed by an architect at the time of construction. The building does not have any comparables within Grimsby, and is the only product of its kind in the surrounding surviving fruit farms.

The historic dwelling at 390 Main St West is representative of the age and architectural style that historically was found along the historic Main Street corridor. It is an illustration of the wealth and prosperity that came along with the farming and tender fruit industry found in the Town of Grimsby. The structure still retains a large amount of farmland which encourages the properties long term retention of its historic use as a tender fruit farm.

The dwelling at 390 Main Street West is historically linked to its surroundings. Built in 1878 by John Henry Smith the Italianate dwelling has been a fixture on this portion of tender fruit farmland for the last 147 years. The location of the property on Main Street West is key as this was the main thoroughfare in the Niagara Region originally called the Queenston Stone Rd. At the time of construction, Main Street West would have been the road leading from Queenston, to Dundas, and to Toronto.

The building is a landmark. The notable structure continues to be a center piece of Main Street. The stone structure stands proud, this is a value that has been maintained and documented through historic photographs. The building is custom designed, does not have any comparables within Grimsby, and is the only product of its kind in the surrounding area.

#### HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

### The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 390 Main Street West includes:

- Italianate architectural style features
- Quarry faced stone masonry, quoining, arches, lintels, sills, banding
- Five bay façade with projecting gabled frontispiece
- Hipped Roof with a widows walk
- Flat headed arches on the ground floor windows
- Segmented arches of the second story windows
- Transom window with coloured and etched glass
- Two projecting gables with carved-wood bargeboards
- Large bay window on the east façade
- · Patterned polychromatic slate roof
- Elaborate bracketed cornice supporting a broad overhanging eave
- Four chimneys made of quarry faced stone with pediment details on the carved stone caps
- Rusticated quoins
- Rural setting
- Located within an orchard
- Proximity to other fruit producing farms on the edge of the Town of Grimsby
- Substantially set back from the road

# The Smith-Geddes Carriage House:

- Clapboard siding
- Two storeys
- · Hipped roof with four gabled dormers. One dormer, centered per façade face
- Base of the former cupola, at the center of the hipped roof
- Carriage/Garage doors
- Second floor loading doors
- · Corbels below the soffit

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